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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/PP

SUBJECT: Albania.

1. At the August 5 meeting of the PSB there was, according to Mr. Dulles, a considerable discussion on the old subject of Albania, with continued enthusiasm for a program of action both broad enough and strong enough to accomplish the objective of detaching Albania from the Iron Curtain bloc if possible. There was general agreement that the first steps to be taken clearly lay in the diplomatic field, and that there should be high-level discussions between ourselves and the British, to be followed by US or US/UK talks with the Greeks, the Yugoslavs and the Italians. [ ] made a tentative proposal as to what might be the best initial approach to the British which, I gather, that both he and Mr. Dulles desire to consider further. I have informed [ ] of this and it may be that he will want to follow it up at an early PSB meeting.

2. One aspect of the discussion centered around the concept of a program of stepped-up covert and semi-covert action to follow in the wake of the diplomatic preparation. It was suggested that there might be a joint US/UK task force, headed by an individual of real stature and force. The names of [ ] and [ ] were both discussed as the possible head of this task force. Mr. Dulles is inclined to feel that [ ] is the better of the two and I fully agree -- the more so since I consider that he would be more responsive to our viewpoints and requirements than [ ]

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